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1. During the middle of March 1951, a transfer of Czechoslovak troops was begun into eastern Slovakia, near the Slovak-Hungarian border. Almost all of the 1928 class was transferred into the area together with some reservists of older classes-- especially officers and men who had served in the Czechoslovak Eastern Army during World War II.* The reason given for the movement was that special maneuvers were to take place in the area.** Full field equipment, especially attack weapons, is being sent into this area for use by the transferred units, which are largely tank and artillery units.

2. Soviet soldiers have been garrisoned in Cheb (R51/P37) since January 1951. [] counted 76 soldiers as a unit marched by.
3. About 12 June 1951 there was a fight in the inn "Na myslivne" at Cheb between Russian soldiers and Czechoslovak inhabitants.

* Comment: The major part of the 1928 class was deactivated in the fall of 1960. It is possible that the class of 1929 was meant.

Comment: A large maneuver area for all types of army units is located in the vicinity of Oremov Iaz in central Slovakia between Zvolen, Lucence and Modry Kamen. Since October 1950 reservists of military classes 1916 to 1926 were training in the area in four-week courses.

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